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RE: UNITED STATES v. VINCENT MINGLE, a/k/a "JIMMY" MINGLE

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced that late yesterday, in a trial before Senior District Judge John T. Elfvin, Vincent "Jimmy" Mingle, 63, of 6178 Pinegrove Avenue, Niagara Falls, Ontario, was found guilty of using extortionate means to collect a \$35,000 loan to another Niagara Falls, Ontario man (loansharking). Judge Elfvin remanded Mingle to the custody of the United States Marshal immediately upon the return of the jury's verdict.

No sentencing date was set. Mingle faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in federal prison and/or a fine of up to \$250,000 when he is sentenced.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony M. Bruce, who tried the case, stated that the proof of trial consisted primarily of recordings of the defendant threatening an undercover FBI

agent who was posing as the borrower and another individual who was posing as the borrower's friend. In the recordings, Mingle made a number of both explicit and implied threats to have others connected with reputed organized crime figures from both Ontario and Buffalo come after the borrower if the borrower did not pay his debt to Mingle.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter J. Ahearn and the New York State Police Special Investigation Unit under the command of Major Thomas M. Fresenius.

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